Report from Vice President:

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For February 8th, 2013 Assembly Meeting

1) RGSO Allocations

a. Applications due February 6th – As of February 4th – at least three new groups are submitting for recognition

b. Any group that is looking to reallocate funding to a spring event MUST submit that request by email to the Vice President for review by the RGSO committee and executive board. If you do not do this – these funds will not be there for you to spend because we will roll them over into the Spring RGSO pool.

c. Please consider joining the RGSO committee for the Spring! If you are interested, please email gsovice@gmail.com. This will satisfy your committee requirement for GSO for Spring. You must do this by February 9th to be considered for this committee!

2) Student to Student Initiative

a. The Student to Student initiative between Albany High School and UAlbany is growing, and the GSO is looking for volunteers. Students have been asked to teach/mentor students over the course of the academic year. This commitment can start as small as a single class lecture on a topic of interest (grad school, specific majors/graduate degrees, industry, what college is like, etc). If you or your RGSO is interested in participating, please email gsovice@gmail.com.

We are looking to cover 4 Academy topics – Innovation, Citizenship, Discovery, and Leadership with many different interests encompassed in each.

- So far, two student groups have volunteered for the initiative, but we need more!
3) Project Sandy Efforts

a. We are interested in helping the libraries that have been impacted by Sandy. GSO is planning a book drive – where books can be donated to the cause and then a book sale will be held where all profits will go to the libraries impacted to help rebuild their collections. Anyone interested in helping plan this effort may contact me at gsovice@gmail.com. This will count towards community service requirements.

4) Downtown Campus/ East Campus Operation

a. Currently, we are in the process of looking into options for equipment for our new downtown campus office, as well as to update equipment in the east campus office. I have been pricing out the printing options for each campus, and am working with the University to find the best options for our organization.

- Proposed purchases for the downtown office will include 2 computers, and a black and white printer (that is between the efficiency rating of the East Campus 35 ppm and Uptown Campus 60ppm model. This is because the downtown campus holds over ¼ of our graduate student population.

- Once quotes are obtained and the University reviews them, they will be presented to the assembly for approval.